

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A lever for a door comprising:
a shank to be attached to a door at one end, said shank having an opposed end;
a handle attached to said opposed end of said shank, said handle being formed of a material that is more fragile than a material forming said shank.
2. A lever as set forth in claim 1, wherein said handle is formed of a crystal material.
3. A lever as set forth in claim 1, wherein said handle includes a central bore, and a bolt extends through said central bore, said bolt secured to said shank at one end, and extending through said bore, said bolt receiving a cap at a second opposed end such that said handle is captured between said cap and said shank.
4. A lever as set forth in claim 3, wherein a bore and said handle for receiving said bolt has a cross-sectional area that is less than half of the cross-sectional area of a portion of said handle that abuts said end face of said shank.
5. A lever as set forth in claim 1, wherein said shank includes a shallow pocket defined by an end face and an inner side wall, said handle extending into said shallow pocket, and said handle having an end face abutting said end face of said shank pocket, and said handle having an outer side surface in engagement with said inner side surface of said shank.

6. A lever as set forth in claim 5, wherein said inner side wall of said shank and said outer side wall of said handle are both frustro-conical.

7. A lever as set forth in claim 6, wherein a cap is attached to said handle, and has a shallow pocket with an end face and a side wall, and said handle further extending into said shallow recess in said cap.

8. A lever for a door comprising:

a metal shank to be attached to a door at one end, said shank having an opposed end;

a handle attached to said opposed end of said shank, said handle being formed of crystal, said handle including a central bore, and a bolt extending through said central bore, said bolt secured to said shank at one end, and extending through said bore, said bolt receiving a cap at a second opposed end such that said handle is captured between said cap and said shank;

said bore having a cross-sectional area that is less than half of the cross-sectional area of an end portion of said handle that abuts said end face of said shank; and

said shank and said cap each including a shallow pocket defined by an end face and an inner side wall, said handle extending into said shallow pockets, and said handle having end faces abutting said end face of said shank pockets, and said handle having outer side surfaces in engagement with said inner side surfaces of said shallow pockets, said inner side wall of said shallow pockets and said outer side wall of said handle are frustro-conical.